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that do happen, and they tend pay and pay and pay? They do not want a derailment. They do not want people to run into one another. Talk to the engineers about watching cars trying to dodge through the gates across the tracks in some sort of game of chicken. This bill is really an interesting one. With all due respect to Senator Pederson, it doesn't change anything. Now I could easily vote for it. I am not going to, but I easily could because it's kind of perfect legislation. It makes everyone feel well, doesn't change any situation that exists today, doesn't increase safety nor does it decrease safety. It doesn't change how railroads will operate, and it doesn't change how the personnel that work for railroads will conduct their profession, which I am sure they do, in the best of fashion. So this little, little conversation was not so much to try to change anyone's mind at this stage of debate but to share with you my belief that those who operate the railroads are not altogether as great of ogres as one would have us believe at some point in time. With that, Mr. President, I would return the rest of my time to the Chair.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Coordsen. (Visitors introduced.) As the agenda states, it is eleven-thirty, and a motion to place on General File pursuant to Rule 3, Section 20. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Beutler would move to place LB 447 on General File.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Beutler, to open on your motion.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Cudaback, members of the Legislature, this is a bill that has to do with relating NRD jurisdiction to county jurisdiction, and there is a crease and a gap between those jurisdictions that needs to be addressed, and I will give you some background and hopefully demonstrate why LB 447 is a good idea for addressing that situation. The powers of the NRD, I think it's necessary to go back and talk about the powers of an NRD in order to fully appreciate the under...the problem that exists here. Under Section 2-3229, it sets out the purpose of natural resource districts and it goes through a list of powers and authorizations, including programs related to